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SUBJECT: POLADS DISCUSSION OF POLICY TOWARDS LIBYAN DANGER  
AND RESTRICTED AREAS

REFS: A. USNATO 2410; B. STATE 84198; C. STATE 91829

1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE MED REPORT IS AN  
APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR ADDRESSING THE LIBYAN DANGER AND  
RESTRICTED AREAS AND OUR TREATMENT OF THIS PROBLEM IN REF B  
STILL APPLIES. THE MED REPORT, BEING A DOCUMENT IN THE  
MC- DPC CHANNEL, APPLIES TO " NATO FORCES" AND DOES NOT APPLY  
TO " ALLIED FORCES." THE ACCEPTED DEFINITION OF " NATO  
FORCES" IN REF C IS CORRECT, I. E., " ALL FORCES WHICH ARE  
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UNDER A NATO COMMAND".

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE LARG POLICY ON AIRSPACE OVER THE HIGH SEAS HAS BOTH MILITARY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT INTEND TO PUSH FOR A JOINT POLICY AMONG THE NATO NATIONS BEYOND THAT WHICH APPLIES TO NATO FORCES. WE DO NOT OBJECT TO ITALIANS URGING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, INCLUDING FRENCH, TO APPROACH LARG IN REGARD TO THOSE PORTIONS OF THE LIBYAN RESTRICTED AREA ( HLR 22) IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE. IF THE FRENCH WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NATO POLICY ON NATO FORCES, THEN THE GOF SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH AN ASSOCIATION.

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